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1. The Brandenburg-Briest (W 53/Z 13) airfield was observed from the west and north between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on 7 March 1950. The sky was cloudless. Four jet fighters took off in succession at 2 p.m. and practiced formation flying. They were joined by four more jet planes, two of which took off at 3 p.m. and two at 3:10 p.m. The eight jet fighters were of the well-known swept-back wing type. They were not seen landing at the field. The following aircraft were parked at the flight control station:

- a. Eight fighters with radial engine and red propeller hub;
- b. Two twin-engine aircraft;
- c. Twenty-four swept-back wing jet fighters.

More aircraft were parked near the building. Their type could not be determined as they were well camouflaged.

2. Two jet fighters of another type were noticed over the airfield just after 5 p.m.

Description: Leading and trailing edges of wings pointed, fuselage step with jet mouth in line with trailing edge of wings, cockpit in about mid-fuselage.

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3. The swept-back wing jet fighters practiced flying on 15, 16 and 17 March 1950 in clear weather. The planes had a silver-gray coat of paint and, except for the Soviet star, no markings. They were camouflaged with tight-fitting green tarpaulins while being parked.

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4. A tent with a small mast in its center and a 5 to 6-meter radio mast at each corner, was being set up in the southwestern section of the airfield. The air force personnel of the field were quartered in the former Landesanstalt. Sixty to 70 motor vehicles were seen in the parking lot.

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